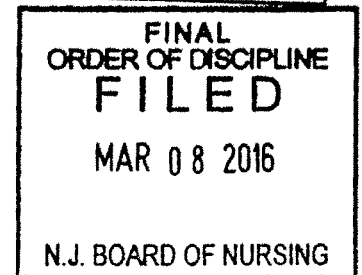
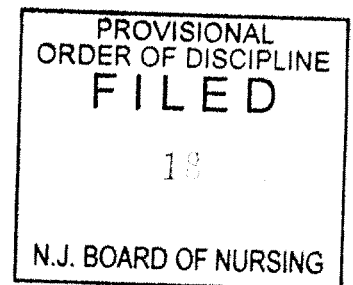


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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF	:	Administrative Action
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	:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROVISIONAL ORDER
	:	OF DISCIPLINE
IVY GOLEJ, RN	:	
License # 26NR14672200	:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FINAL ORDER
	:	OF DISCIPLINE
	:	(Finalized by default
TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE	:	on <u>March 08, 2016</u>)
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and upon which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Ivy Golej ("Respondent") is a Registered Professional Nurse (RN) in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at

all relevant times.

2. The Board received information that Respondent was arrested on August 12, 2013, by the Neptune Township Police Department and charged with violating N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4A (Endanger Welfare of Children), N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10A(4) (Possess Marijuana/Hash), N.J.S.A. 2C:36-2 (Possess Drug Paraphernalia), and two counts of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10A(1) (Possess Controlled Dangerous Substance or Analog). (Exhibit A).

3. On August 15, 2013, the Board received information that Respondent had been previously given the opportunity to participate in the Board's designated intervention program, Recovery and Monitoring Program ("RAMP"), but Respondent failed to participate by not returning her Private Letter Agreement ("PLA") or enrolling in RAMP. (Exhibit B).

4. As a result of the August 12, 2013 arrest, Respondent signed a PLA on October 7, 2013, wherein she agreed to enroll in RAMP for a minimum of five (5) years and until successful completion of or release from the program. (Exhibit C).

5. On April 8, 2014, Respondent was arrested by the Neptune Township Police Department and charged with violating N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10A(1) (Possess Controlled Dangerous Substance or Analog) and N.J.S.A. 2C:33-2.1B (Loitering Purpose Use, Possess or Sell Drugs).

As a result, on April 21, 2014, Respondent was found guilty of violating N.J.S.A. 2C:33-2.1B (Loitering Purpose Use, Possess or Sell Drugs) by the Monmouth County Superior Court. Respondent was assessed \$158.00. (Exhibit D).

6. As a result of the August 12, 2013 arrest, Respondent was found guilty of violating N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4A (Endanger Welfare of Children) on April 21, 2014 by the Monmouth County Superior Court. Respondent was sentenced thirty (30) days incarceration to be served in alcohol and drug rehabilitation, five (5) years' probation, and assessed \$410.00. (Exhibit E).

7. The Board received information that Respondent was arrested on September 20, 2014, by the Neptune Township Police Department and charged with violating N.J.S.A. 2C:36-2 (Possess Drug Paraphernalia). (Exhibit F).

8. On September 22, 2014, the Board received information that Respondent was discharged from RAMP when she ceased checking in on November 18, 2013, after she had missed thirty-four (34) check-ins and had four (4) no-shows for random drug and alcohol screenings. (Exhibit G).

9. The Board received information that as a result of her September 20, 2014 arrest, Respondent was found guilty of local ordinance violations by the Neptune Township Municipal Court on

January 20, 2015, and was assessed \$339.00. (Exhibit H).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's multiple criminal convictions subject Respondent to discipline pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f), in that Respondent has been convicted of, or engaged in acts constituting, a crime or offense involving moral turpitude and relating adversely to nursing.

Respondent's multiple drug related arrests and convictions, and her non-compliance with RAMP, raise sufficient concern such that testing, monitoring, evaluation, and treatment are warranted, as a condition for continued or reinstated licensure, to evaluate whether Respondent's continued practice as a nurse may jeopardize the safety and welfare of the public pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22(f) and to ensure that Respondent can properly discharge nursing functions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22(e).

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 18th day of November, 2015, ORDERED that upon the filing of a FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE in this matter:

1. Respondent's license to practice nursing is suspended for a minimum of two (2) years and until Respondent demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the Board, that she is fit, competent, and rehabilitated.

2. The Board will not entertain an application for reinstatement from Respondent unless and until Respondent completes a comprehensive mental health and substance abuse evaluation under the auspices of the Board's designated intervention program, the Recovery And Monitoring Program ("RAMP"), demonstrates that she is fit and competent to practice nursing, that she is in full compliance with any agreement with RAMP, that RAMP supports her return to practice, and provides information regarding all of her arrests and convictions.

3. By undergoing evaluation, Respondent expressly waives any claim of privilege or confidentiality that she may have concerning RAMP reports and disclosures to the Board, and use by the Board of that information in any proceedings.

4. All costs associated with the evaluation, monitoring, and/or treatment outlined above shall be the responsibility of, and paid directly by, Respondent.

5. A civil penalty in the total amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) is imposed upon Respondent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f) (conviction). Payment shall be made by certified check, bank cashier check, or money order payable to "State of New Jersey," or by wire transfer, direct deposit, or credit card payment delivered or mailed Joanne Leone, Acting Executive Director, State

of Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Payment shall be made no later than fifteen (15) days after the entry of a **Final Order of Discipline** in this matter. In the event Respondent fails to make a timely payment, a certificate of debt shall be filed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 45:1-24 and the Board may bring such other proceedings as authorized by law.

6. Respondent is reprimanded for her violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f).

7. Respondent shall refrain from practicing as a nurse and shall not represent herself as a registered professional nurse until such time as her license is reinstated. Any practice in this State prior to reinstatement shall constitute grounds for a charge of unlicensed practice.

8. The within order shall be subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the thirtieth day following entry hereof unless Respondent requests a modification or dismissal of the above stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by:

a) Submitting a written request for modification or dismissal to Joanne Leone, Executive Director, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

b) Setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed.

c) Submitting any and all documents or other

written evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor or offered in mitigation of penalty.

9. Any submissions will be reviewed by the Board and the Board will thereafter determine whether further proceedings are necessary. If no material discrepancies are raised through a supplemental submission during the thirty (30) day period, or if the Board is not persuaded that the submitted materials merit further consideration, a Final Order of Discipline will be entered.

10. In the event that Respondent's submissions establish a need for further proceedings, including, but not limited to an evidentiary hearing, Respondent shall be notified with regard thereto. In the event that an evidentiary hearing is ordered, the preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law contained herein may serve as notice of the factual and legal allegations in such proceeding. Further, in the event a hearing is held and upon review of the record, the Board shall not be limited to the findings, conclusions and sanctions stated herein.

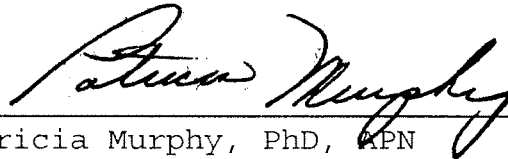
11. In the event that the Board receives no written submission from Respondent within thirty (30) days following filing of this Provisional Order of Discipline, without further Board review, the Provisional Order of Discipline shall automatically become the Final Order of Discipline. The box for Final Order of

Discipline shall be checked, the Final Order of Discipline shall be filed, and copies shall be mailed to Respondent. Thereafter, Respondent's failure to comply with any sanction or penalty imposed by this Order shall be considered a violation of a Board Order in contravention of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (e) and (h) and N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4 and may subject Respondent to additional sanction and/or penalty.

12. The Board reserves the right to take further disciplinary action based upon any information received in the future regarding the results of the comprehensive mental health and substance abuse evaluation, or upon any new information received.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patricia Murphy", is written over a horizontal line.

Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN
Board President